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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017.

### **You Asked for:**

Information in relation to NHS Continuing Healthcare funding eligibility decisions appeals and for:

- Each of the years between and including 2012 and 2016
- All appeals
- Appeals for Previously Unassessed Periods of Care cases, the following data:

- A)
- Number of appeals to the CCG
  - Number of appeals that resulted in the CCG reversing the previous decision for the whole period
  - Number of appeals that resulted in the CCG reversing the previous decision for part of the period
  - Number of appeals that were heard at NHS England Independent Review Panel (IRP)
  - Number of appeals where NHS England recommended that the previous CCG decision on
    - on
    - eligibility was unsound
  - Number of appeals that were submitted to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)
  - Number of appeals where the PHSO recommended that the previous CCG decision on eligibility
    - was unsound
  - Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court
  - Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court that were settled out of tribunal/court
  - Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court that reversed the previous CCG eligibility decision

B)

I would ask if you would also provide the number of current appeals awaiting review at:

- IRP stage
- PHSO stage

- tribunal/court stage

C)

I would also ask if you would confirm which is the responsible tribunal/court which an appeal should be escalated to should a previous CCG decision not be reversed.

**Our Response:**

**Please see below table:**

	2015	2016	2017
<b>Number of appeals to the CCG</b>			
Wirral	3	23	11
<b>Number of appeals that resulted in the CCG reversing the previous decision for the whole period</b>			
Wirral	1	9	5
<b>Number of appeals that resulted in the CCG reversing the previous decision for part of the period</b>			
Wirral	2	1	1
<b>Number of appeals that were heard at NHS England Independent Review Panel (IRP)</b>			
Wirral	1	2	3
<b>Number of appeals where NHS England recommended that the previous CCG decision on eligibility was unsound</b>			
Wirral	0	0	0
<b>Number of appeals that were submitted to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)</b>			
Wirral	1	0	0
<b>Number of appeals where the PHSO recommended that the previous CCG decision on eligibility was unsound</b>			
Wirral	0	0	0
<b>Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court</b>			
Wirral	Do not have this information		

<b>Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court that were settled out of tribunal/court</b>	
Wirral	Do not have this information
<b>Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court that reversed the previous CCG eligibility decision</b>	
Wirral	Do not have this information
<b>Number of current appeals awaiting review at IRP stage</b>	
Wirral	Do not have this information
<b>Number of current appeals awaiting review at - PHSO stage</b>	
Wirral	Do not have this information
<b>Number of current appeals awaiting review at - - tribunal/court stage</b>	
Wirral	Do not have this information
<b>Confirm which is the responsible tribunal/court which an appeal should be escalated to should a previous CCG decision not be</b>	
Wirral	Do not have this information

Please note that NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) cannot provide any information prior to its existence in 2013/14 as following the decommissioning of Primary Care Trust's, on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013, we no longer hold information prior to this date.

This information is now held by NHS England and I have included the contact details for NHS England below:

Telephone 0300 311 22 33

Email [England.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:England.contactus@nhs.net)

NHS England  
PO Box 16738  
REDDITCH  
B87 9PT

This service operates Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00 hrs, excluding Bank Holiday.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Yours sincerely



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